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TAGS: PINT, FR.
SUBJECT: 1978 FRENCH LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: FINAL
RESULTS FOR EASTERN FRANCE

REF: STRASBOURG 83

1. SUMMARY: FOR THE 43 SEATS IN EASTERN FRANCE OUR LAST
ANALYSIS SHOWED THE MAJORITE PARTIES WOULD TAKE 32 AND THE
LEFT 9, WITH 2 CONTESTS TOO CLOSE TO CALL. ACTUAL RESULTS:
MAJORITE: 35, LEFT: 8.

1978 TOTALS, WITH CHANGE FROM 1973:

MAJORITE: 35 (-2)

RPR 15 (-5)

UDF 16 ("2)

DIV.MAJ. 4 ("1)

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LEFT : 8 ("2)

PS 5 ("1)

PC 3 ("1)

END SUMMARY.

2. JJSS APPARENTLY SQUEAKS THROUGH.

BUT ONE OF THE MAJORITE SEATS IS SERVAN-SCHREIBER S IN NANCY, WHERE HIS MARGIN WAS ONLY 22 VOTES OF 65,000 CAST (32,843-32,821). HIS PS OPPONENT, YVON TONDON, IDS TAKING STEPS TO MAKE A FORMAL PETITION TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL FOR INVALIDATING JJSS ELECTION. THE PETITION WILL BE BASED ON CHARGES OF DISTRIBUTING ELECTION TRACTS AFTER THE DEADLINE AND MISUSE OF 17 BALLOTS FROM CITIZENS OVERSEAS. THE LEFT HAD OUTPOLLED THE MAJORITE 31,906 TO 31532 IN THE FIRST ROUND.

3. WHERE THE LEFT GAINED.

THE ONLY SWITCHES OF SEATS BETWEEN MAJORITE AND LEFT OCCURRED IN LORRAINE, WHERE THE MAJORITE PAID LESS FOR DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAN IT MIGHT HAVE, ACTUALLY PICKING UP ONE PS SEAT (BAR-LE-DUC), WHILE LOSING THREE OTHERS IN AN AREA WITH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE MUCH HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE: LONGWY (PC), METZ I (PS), AND ST. DIE (PS).

4. TRANSFER OF VOTES.

WITH RISK OF OVER-GENERALIZING, IT APPEARS WHEN COMPARED NATIONWIDE THAT OUR AREA VOTERS WERE MORE LOYAL WHEN IT CAME TO THE TRANSFER OF VOTES IN ROUND TWO, EXCEPT FOR PS VOTERS SUPPORTING PC. THERE WERE FOUR PC CANDIDATES IN THE SECOND UNCLASSIFIED

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ROUND, ALL IN LORRAINE. AS THE FIGURES BELOW SHOW, SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PS AND OTHER LEFTIST VOTES VOTED MAJORITE THE SECOND ROUND.

LORRAINE PC/PS

MEURTHE-ET-MOSELLE 6 BRIEY

FIRST ROUND: SECOND ROUND:

OF WHICH

LEFT PC PS PC

31,836 20,550 9,517 29,196

MAJORITE RAD.SOC.

13,736 16,925

MEURTHE-ET-MOSELLE 7 LONGWY

FIRST ROUND:

SECOND ROUND:

LEFT	PC	PS	MRG	PC
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31,919	17,889	11,386	1,623	26,164
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MAJORITE

MAJ.PRES.

18,150

23,543

MOSELLE 3 THIONVILLE-WEST

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FIRST ROUND:

SECOND ROUND:

LEFT	PC	PS	PC
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43,694	23,994	17,615	39,233
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MAJORITE

PR

23,245

26,717

MOSELLE 4 THIONVILLE-EAST

FIRST ROUND:

SECOND ROUND

LEFT	PC	PS	PC
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29,221	14,429	13,207	27,219
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MAJORITE

PR

33,716

36,309

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5. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHERE PS CANDIDATES WERE IN THE FINAL
ROUND AND WENT ON TO WIN OR LOSE NARROWLY (FOR EXAMPLE, METZ I,
ST. DIE, EPINAL AND BAR-LE-DUC), THEY WERE ABLE TO IMPROVE ON
THE FIRST ROUND LEFTIST TOTAL. THIS WAS ACHIEVED THROUGH
LEFTIST COHESION AND INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN THE SECOND ROUND
AND NOT BY DEFECTIONS FROM THE MAJORITE CAMP.

	FIRST ROUND:			SECOND ROUND:		
	LEFT	MAJ.	OTHERS	PS	MAJ.	
METZ I	46,271	44,375	-	47,205	44,961	
ST.DIE	23,348	23,190	1,459	25,941	24,337	
EPINAL	30,249	33,327	3,114	33,014	35,822	
BAR-LE-DUC	30,467	32,519	-	31,250	34,396	

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